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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Hicks, Executive Director, NPIC

SUBJECT : Gas Fields and New Applications

25X1 1. I have looked into the matter of the OER requirement on gas fields and pipelines. This is an area in which we have been doing some work with OER for the past six months or so as a follow-on to our analysis of the Soviet petroleum industry. The OER requirement developed in response to [redacted] solicitation does not appear to represent any departure--in terms of PI techniques or imagery sources--from the kind of work we have been doing in the recent past or would be doing in response to that requirement.

2. It seems to me that this particular requirement is not a "new application" per se, although your people could do some useful work to complement ours if ERTS imagery were available and you wanted to explore its application in this subject field.

3. I regret not having gotten back to you personally on this before my departure on leave, because I would like to discuss some of the principles in this sort of problem with you. We can talk about it on my return, or you may want to discuss it with Ray during my absence. In any event, be assured that we don't want to stifle the efforts of the "new applications" group, but in fact are hopeful that they will find fruitful fields to plough which complement--rather than supplant--our direct support responsibilities.

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